Corporation (NSIC), while making purchases for use by the Defence Forces :—

1. Issue of tender sets free of cost.
2. Exemption from payment of earnest money.
3. Waiver of security deposit upto the monetary limit for which the unit is registered.
4. Price preference upto 15 percent over the quotation of large scale units on merits.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) C.S.D. makes purchases of household and consumer items for retail sale to troops and other entitled categories and not for its own consumption or the consumption of Government Departments. Items are purchased according to the choice and preference of the client i.e. the troops. As the clients' choice is the determining factor in C.S.D. purchases, no distinction is observed on the basis of the size or scale of the supplier/manufacturer, nor any preference given. Several items produced by small scale units are also included in the inventory of C.S.D.

Changes envisaged in Army Judicial Department

1958. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided or propose to bifurcate the Army Judicial Department, as reported in the Pioneer dated 13th November, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Commanding Officers have been vested with more authority during pre-trial period of the court marshal proceedings against the army personnel and subjected the Judicial Officers to the control of the Staff Officers, if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Governments/consideration to codify the Army Rules, Regulations and Instructions pertaining to the service matters, if so, what are the details and what is the present position in this regard ; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to create confidence among the army personnel about the integrity and independence of the Army's judicial system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The Judge Advocate General's Department of Army Headquarters has been re-organised to make the system more responsive and transparent and to meet the requirements of Service. The pre-trial advisory functions have been separated from trial and post-trial advisory functions. Sections dealing with litigation have also been strengthened.

(c) The Commandng Officers derive their authority from the provisions of Army Act, 1950 and the Army Rules framed there-under. There has been no change in the provisions relating to their authority. The officers of the Judge Advocate General's Department are not the judiciary of the Army and they act as advisors to the authorities exercising judical powers under the Army Act and Rules.

(d) Consequent upon amendments in the Army Act, 1950, vide the Army (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. 37 of 1992), Army Rules, 1954 have been amended.

(e) The re-organisation of the Judge Advocate General's Department has been carreid out with the sole purpose of creating confidence amongst officers about the integrity and independence of the Army judicial system. Prior to re-organisation, both the pre-trial and post-trial advice was given by the same set of officers.

Termination of Service of IAF Officials

1959. SHR VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has sacked about 4600 personnel due to paucity of funds, as reported in the Indian Express dated September 10, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) the number, designation and length of service of the IAF officials whose services have been terminated and the reasons therefor and the details of terminal benefits given to them;

(d) whether Government have considered the interests of the country from he security point of view before terminating the services of these officials; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. No Air Force personnel has been sacked due to paucity of funds.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

रोहतांग दर्रे पर सुरंग सम्बन्धी रिपोर्ट

1960. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश में रोहतांग दर्रे पर प्रस्तावित सुरंग के प्रथम चरण से संबंधित अध्ययन रिपोर्ट मैसर्स राइट्स से प्राप्त हो गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; सुरंग के मुख्य प्रवेश द्वार तक पहुंचने के लिए बनाई जा रही सड़कों से संबंधित अध्ययन की स्थिति क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता । प्रस्तावित सुरंग के दक्षिण और उत्तर के प्रवेश द्वारों तक पहुंचने वाली सड़कों को क्रमशः जून, 1991 और अक्तूबर, 1991 में पूरा कर लिया गया था और इसमें व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन के उद्देश्य से यातायात को प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है।

Romanian offer on Supply of Spares for MIG-21

1961. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Romania has offered to supply spare parts of Soviet made MIG aircraft and other Defence equipments to India; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Certain offers have been received from Romania for supply of spares.

(b) These offers are being evaluated.

Revamping of offshore Patrol vessels by Indian Navy

1962. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy plans to revamp its entire fleet of smaller offshore Patrol vessels which have been extensively used on the West coast following the Bombay blasts; and

(b) if so, what are the details for the proposed revamping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the maritime interests of the country, and in consonance with the long term perspective plan as well as the annual plans, induction of smaller as well as large ships into the Navy is done depending upon the need as also the availability of budgetary resources.

Entry of HAL into civil aviation market

1963. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has an ambitious diversification plan in a bid to venture into the civil aviation market;

(b) if so, whether the HAL has a tie-up with a leading South Korean firm in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when the HAL is likely to enter the civil aviation market; and